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Section II (Remarks)

Claims 1-25 and 37-38 were previously allowed.

In the March 24, 2006 Office Action, rejoinder of claims 26-36 was refused under MPEP 821.04(b) on the basis that the withdrawn claims for which rejoinder had been requested did not require all of the limitations of an allowable claim.

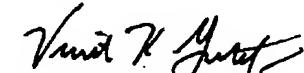
In response, independent method claims 26 and 36 have been amended to expressly include all of the limitations of allowed independent device claim 12. Claims 27-35, which depend (whether directly or indirectly) from claim 26, therefore also include all of the limitations of allowed claim 12.

In view of the amendments to independent claims 26 and 36 to comply with the provisions of MPEP 821.04(b), Applicants hereby renew the request for rejoinder of previously withdrawn claims 26-36.

Conclusion

Applicants have satisfied the requirements for patentability. All pending claims 1-38 are in condition for allowance. In the event that any issues remain, Examiner Saint-Surin is requested to contact the undersigned attorney at (919) 419-9350 to resolve the same.

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